INTERLEUKIN-3 (IL-3) MULTIPLE MUTATION POLYPEPTIDES

ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to recombinant human interleukin-3 (hIL-3) variant or mutant proteins (muteins). These hIL-3 muteins contain amino acid substitutions and may also have amino acid deletions at both the N- and C- termini. The invention also relates to pharmaceutical compositions containing the hIL-3 muteins and methods for using them. Additionally, the present invention relates to recombinant expression vectors comprising nucleotide sequences encoding the hIL-3 muteins, related microbial expression systems, and processes for making the hIL-3 muteins using the microbial expression systems.

Included in the present invention are deletion mutants of hIL-3 in which from 1 to 14 amino acids have been deleted from the N-terminus, and from 1 to 15 amino acids 119 to 133 have been deleted from the C-terminus, and which also contain amino acid substitutions in the polypeptide. These hIL-3 multiple mutation polypeptides may have biological activities similar to or better than hIL-3 and, in some cases, may also have an improved side effect profile.